

Transcendentalist Quotes



Emerson Quotes

Whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist.

Hitch your wagon to a star.

A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divines. With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.

To be great is to be misunderstood.

Always do what you are afraid to do.

An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory.

Beauty without expression is boring.

Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as think.

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Do the thing we fear, and death of fear is certain.

Don't be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment.

Enthusiasm is the mother of effort, and without it nothing great was ever achieved.

Fate is nothing but the deeds committed in a prior state of existence.

For every minute you remain angry, you give up sixty seconds of peace of mind.

Genius always finds itself a century too early.

Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am persecuted whenever I am contradicted.

Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.

Men's actions are too strong for them. Show me a man who has acted, and who has not been the victim and slave of his action.

None of us will ever accomplish anything excellent or commanding except when he listens to this whisper, which is heard by him alone.

Our fear of death is like our fear that summer will be short, but when we have had our swing of pleasure, our fill of fruit, and our swelter of heat, we say we have had our day.

Sometimes a scream is better than a thesis.

The days come and go like muffled and veiled figures sent from a distant friendly party, but they say nothing, and if we do not use the gifts they bring, they carry them as silently away.

The whole secret of the teacher's force lies in the conviction that man are convertible.

Treat a man as he is, and he will remain as he is. Treat a man as he could be, and he will become what he should be.

Thoreau Quotes



All endeavor calls for the ability to tramp the last mile, shape the last plan, endure the last hours toil. The fight to the finish spirit is the one... characteristic we must possess if we are to face the future as finishers.

Be true to your work, your word, and your friend.

Do not trouble yourself much to get new things, whether clothes or friends... Sell your clothes and keep your thoughts.

Do not worry if you have built your castles in the air. They are where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.

Dreams are the touchstones of our character.

Friends... they cherish one another's hopes. They are kind to one another's dreams.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.

I have learned, that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

Most men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them.

Our truest life is when we are in dreams awake.

The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation.

There is no remedy for love but to love more.

What does education often do? It makes a straight-cut ditch of a free, meandering brook.



Walt Whitman

And your very flesh shall be a great poem.

Be curious, not judgmental

Do I contradict myself? Very well, then I contradict myself, I am large, I contain multitudes.

Every moment of light and dark is a miracle.

Have you learned the lessons only of those who admired you, and were tender with you, and stood aside for you? Have you not learned great lessons from those who braced themselves against you, and disputed passage with you?

I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey-work of the stars.

I celebrate myself, and what I assume you shall assume, For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you. I loafe and invite my soul, I lean and loafe at my ease... observing a spear of summer grass.

Judging from the main portions of the history of the world, so far, justice is always in jeopardy.

Now I see the secret of making the best person: it is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth.

Oh while I live, to be the ruler of life, not a slave, to meet life as a powerful conqueror, and nothing exterior to me will ever take command of me

Re-examine all that you have been told... dismiss that which insults your soul.

Wisdom is not finally tested in the schools, wisdom cannot be pass'd from one having it to another not having it, wisdom is of the soul, is not susceptible of proof, is its own proof.

Oh me, Oh life of the questions of these recurring. Of the endless trains of the faithless of cities filled with the foolish... skipping... what good amid these O me, O life? Answer: That you are here-That life exists and identity That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse.

Please be thinking of the below quote when writing your essay.

Keating Quote

Poetry is rapture, lads. Without it we are doomed.

What will your verse be? So avoid using the word 'very' because it's lazy. A man is not very tired, he is exhausted. Don't use very sad, use morose. Language was invented for one reason, boys--to woo women--and, in that endeavor, laziness will not do. It also won't do in your essays.